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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-12, 14 and 16-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mohlengraft in view of Bigham.

Mohlengraft shows a tool having an elongate fulcrum member 24, a hollow lever arm 18,20, and a pull member 74,78 extending from the lever arm.

Bigham teaches the use of a second lever arm section telescoping from a first lever arm section.

To provide in Mohlengraft a second lever arm section telescoping from a first lever arm section would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Bigham. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to increase the leverage of the lever arm and therefor increase the mechanical advantage. The object that the hook is to engage is a matter of intended use that has no patentable significance. In any case, the Mohlengraft hook is seen to be capable of performing the recited intended use.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mohlengraft in view of Johnson.

Mohlengraft in Fig. 1 shows a tool having an elongate fulcrum member, a hollow lever arm, and a pull member extending from the lever arm.

Johnson teaches that the hook may be adjustably attached to the chain by a clevis and pin.

To adjustably attach the chain to the hook in Fig. 1 of Mohlengraft with a clevis and pin would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Johnson. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to provide a convenient means of attaching the chain to the hook.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mohlengraft in view of Johnson as above applied taken with Bigham.

Bigham teaches the use of a second lever arm section telescoping from a first lever arm section.

To provide in Molengraft a second lever arm section telescoping from a first lever arm section would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the disclosure of Bigham. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this in order to increase the leverage of the lever arm and therefor increase the mechanical advantage. The object that the hook is to engage is a matter of intended use that has no patentable significance. In any case, the Mohlengraft hook is seen to be capable of performing the recited intended use.

Claims 8-12, 14, and 16-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 703 308-1747. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 703 308-2687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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